

FWP R2 CAC Meeting

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2015
LOCATION: FWP Region 2 office (3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula)
TIME: 6-9:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Members: Tim Aldrich, Jane Bennett, Louie Bouma, Steve Clevidence, Todd Frank, Denley Loge, Tracy Manley, Theresa Mondale, Jim Olson, Kylie Paul, Gregory Price, Thomas Puchlerz, Toby Wrath.

Staff: Randy Arnold, Chet Crowser, Vivaca Crowser, Deb Espinoza, Pat Saffel, Dori Schiele & Mike Thompson

Welcome & introductions:

Vivaca Crowser extended a welcome to everyone.

Legislative session review:

Randy Arnold gave an legislative summary, and Tim Aldrich addressed some of these bills and the impact on FWP. Chet Crowser gave an update on bills pertaining to state parks.

Enforcement presentation:

Joe Jaquith gave an enforcement presentation, covering things such as pertinent cases they have worked on. Also gave examples of how technology has improved Law Enforcement capabilities, but also how this has caused expenses to rise.

'15 and Forward

Vivaca Crowser, Joe Jaquith, and Chet Crowser are all a part of the FWP '15 and forward committee, set to establish FWP's vision and course for the next 10 years. Vivaca explained the process so far, the outlining this to the CAC and how they gathered information on public opinions, therefore helping this committee look at where we want to go over the next decade and beyond. Details to be looked at are things such as; Where do we want to go? What changes need to be made? What is relevant now? What will be relevant in 10 years?

Chet Crowser talked about the first gathering involved getting conversations started and discussions on challenges FWP faces. Joe Jaquith made reference to the importance of looking at our mission statement and keeping this in mind as the group continues its work.

Subcommittee updates–access

Tim Aldrich spoke on subcommittee discussions. He said that landownership is more diverse than ever, elevating the importance of participation in discussions such as this.

Wildlife update–Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson informed of a sheep die off taking place in HD 270.

State Parks projects & updates—Chet Crowser

The busy season for state parks is in full swing and parks are showing a huge increase in use of campgrounds. Salmon and Placid are reservable. Travelers Rest is operating their summer hours. Parks programs and summer events are published and starting.

Fisheries update – Pat Saffel

One important item fisheries is working on is the renewal of the Blackfoot Corridor Agreement. Pat discussed fishing regulations and the need to simplify these and make them more consistent. Pat is working with Max's wave and he spoke of how a drought could impact fishing season.

Next meeting set for August 18, 2015